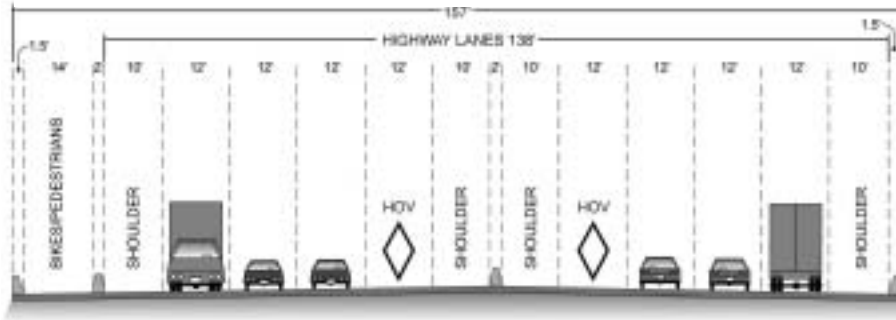


What Happened to the 8-Lane Alternative?

Typical mainline cross-section for 8-Lane Alternative.
Areas near interchanges would be wider to accommodate on- and off-ramps.



The WSDOT team studied potential I-5 improvements to accommodate SR 520 traffic from the 8-Lane Alternative through downtown Seattle. Project investigations found that I-5, already over capacity, would be unable to handle traffic from the 8-Lane Alternative without considerable improvements. Improvements to deal with future congestion and rehabilitation of I-5 will be considered in a separate long-range study of the I-5 corridor.

The 8-Lane Alternative will be in the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project Draft EIS as a traffic/engineering appendix. Further environmental analysis of the 8-Lane Alternative will not be included in the Draft EIS. The 8-Lane Alternative may be further evaluated if the I-5 study identifies operational improvements on I-5 that would accommodate the SR 520 8-Lane Alternative.